

REMARKS

Claims 8-10 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claims 1-7 and 11-13 are cancelled and claims 8 and 10 are amended into independent form.

Applicants appreciate the indication of allowable subject matter in claims 8-10. By this Amendment, claims 8 and 10 have been amended into independent form.

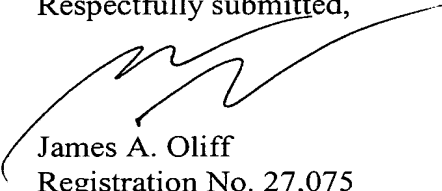
Applicants reserve the right to file one or more divisional applications based on the non-elected claims.

The rejection of claims 1-7 and 11 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) over DE 19954587 has been rendered moot.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

Respectfully submitted,



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